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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

This is to summarize a telephonic interviews between the undersigned, Examiner Lex Malsawma and Leigh Garbowski on October 6 and 8, 2004, concerning claims 1, 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20. Claim 1 was discussed in detail and a tentative agreement was reached to amend claims 1, 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20. Attached to this Statement of the Substance of the Interview are the aforesaid claims showing the changes made in the Examiner's Amendment, which was included in the Notice of Allowance papers dated October 19, 2004. This Statement is filed within the time frame of one month from the date of the Notice of Allowance and thereby is timely filed.

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Within a programmable logic device, a routing architecture to interconnect a plurality of function blocks, comprising:

a plurality of wires oriented in a first direction, wherein the wires oriented in the first direction have a physical length that is substantially the same as an electrically optimum physical length or the an adjustment of the electrically optimum physical length to account for non-electrical considerations.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Within a programmable logic device, a two-dimensional routing architecture to interconnect a plurality of function blocks, comprising:

a wire having a logical length that is a function of an orientation of the wire and having a physical length that is substantially the same as an electrically optimum physical length or the an adjustment of the electrically optimum physical length to account for non-electrical considerations,

wherein the wire interconnects a subset of the plurality of function blocks.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method to interconnect a plurality of function blocks within a programmable logic device, comprising:

determining a physical length that is electrically optimum for a wire;

adjusting the determined physical length to account for non-electrical considerations:

providing the wire having a physical length that is substantially the same as the

determined physical length; and

connecting the plurality of function blocks to the wire, wherein a logical length of the wire is a function of an orientation of the wire.

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

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Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1615 wherein the non-electrical considerations include at least one of the routing efficiency of the wire at the physical length that is electrically optimum and the pattern of connections to the wire.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): Within a programmable logic device, a two-dimensional routing architecture to interconnect a plurality of function blocks, comprising:

a first subset of a plurality of wires having a first logical length and a physical length for transmitting signals between the function blocks; and

a second subset of the plurality of wires having a second logical length and a physical length that is substantially the same as the physical length of the first subset of the plurality of wires for transmitting signals between the function blocks, wherein

the first logical length differs from the second logical length, and
the physical length of the first subset of the plurality of wires is substantially the
same as an electrically optimum physical length or the an adjustment of the electrically optimum
physical length to account for non-electrical considerations.